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Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/645,805
Filing Date	AUGUST 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	PHILIP WHEELER
Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	DOUGLAS Q. TRAN
Attorney Docket Number	SLA0303

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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-3979. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)


ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.138 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other \$500 for 1 additional independent claim and 6 additional dependent claims

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Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Complete If Known	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	09/645,805
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,290		Filing Date	AUGUST 24, 2000
		First Named Inventor	PHILIP O. WHEELER
		Examiner Name	DOUGLAS Q. TRAN
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 Deposit Account Number: 02-3979
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims: 26 - 20 or HP = 6 x 50 = 300
 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims: 4 - 3 or HP = 1 x 200 = 200
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 60 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
4	3	1	250	250

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Description	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)		
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): RCE Fee		790

SUBMITTED BY		
Signature	Registration No. 48,253	Telephone (805) 579-2500
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